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SUBJECT: SEKOU TOURE OPENS MAY 5 CONFERENCE IN CONAKRY

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1. AS WORD FILTERED OUT IN PAST FEW DAYS THAT LONG-HERALDED MEETING OF CNR (NATIONAL COUNCIL OF REVOLUTION) SCHEDULED IN PITA MAY 5-7 HAD BEEN "POSTPONED," DIPLOMATIC CORPS SUMMONED AT LAST MINUTE TO NEW "CONFERENCE" AT PALAIS DU PEUPLE IN CONAKRY MORNING MAY 5.

2. PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE OPENED MEETING WITH FOLLOWING EXPLANATION FOR CANCELLING CNR: POLITICAL BUREAU OF PARTY HAD DECIDED, UPO N RECOMMENDATION OF 16 CONFEDERATIONS, THAT CNR SHOULD BE DELAYED UNTIL MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION FIGURES, ETC. POLITICAL BUREAU THEN DECIDED TO HOLD INSTEAD "NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE" IN CONAKRY BEGINNING MAY 5, IN PART TO PREPARE FOR NEXT CNR(NEW DATE NOT SPECIFIED). ATTENDANCE THIS CONFERENCE SEEMED VIRTUALLY THE SAME AS USUAL CNR, WITH
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ALL ADMINISTRATIVE REGIONS REPRESENTED. UNUSUALLY STRICT

SECURITY PRECAUTIONS IN EVIDENCE AT PALAIS DU PEUPLE, AND AFTER OPENING SESSION SUCCEEDING MEETINGS (MUCH SMALLER) WILL CONTINUE AT PRESIDENT TOURE'S HOME RESIDENCE. THESE PRECAUTIONS COULD WELL BE CONNECTED WITH EVENTS REPORTED REFTEL.

3. PRESIDENT TOURE'S LONG OPENING SPEECH DIVIDED ESSENTIALLY INTO TWO PARTS: A) CLAIMS THAT HIS ECONOMIC MEASURES ANNOUNCED FEB 16 (ANTI-SMUGGLING, CLOSING OF MARKETS, ETC.) HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL; AND B) OPEN THREATS AGAINST "ANTI-REVOLUTIONARIES" EXISTING THROUGHOUT PARTY AND STATE STRUCTURE WHO ATTEMPTING TO SABOTAGE THESE ECONOMIC MEASURES AND WHOM SEKOU TOURE IN EFFECT BLAMED IN ADVANCE IN EVENT MEASURES FAIL.

4. TOURE HAILED RECENT EVENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA (WITHOUT IN ANY WAY MENTIONING US) BUT CLAIMED PRIMARILY THAT VICTORY OF "VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN PEOPLE" WAS VINDICATION OF HIS INSISTENCE ON IMPORTANCE OF "IDEOLOGY." HE ALSO WARNED "ANTI-REVOLUTIONARIES" IN GUINEA THAT SAME FATE IN STORE FOR THEM AS FOR "ANTI-REVOLUTIONARIES" IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. HE SAID THAT REGIME HAD IDENTIFIED ANTI-REVOLUTIONARY FIGURES, AND WOULD PROCEED AGAINST THEM. HE CHARGED THAT "ANTI-REVOLUTIONARIES" WERE SPREADING ALL SORTS OF RUMORS REGARDING FAILURE OF HIS ECONOMIC MEASURES, RUMORS THAT STUDENTS AND PEASANTS OPPOSED TO ECONOMIC RESTRICTIONS AND RUMORS THAT "SEKOU TOURE HIMSELF WAS VICTIM OF BAD ADVICE" FROM PEOPLE SURROUNDING HIM.

5. TOURE DID NOT MENTION ANY NAMES IN PARTICULAR AND HIS "WARNINGS" WERE COUCHED IN GENERAL TERMS. NEVERTHELESS, IT SEEMS TO US THAT THE PRESIDENT IS SETTING STAGE FOR EXTENSIVE PURGE WITHIN GOVERNMENT AND PARTY IF HIS RESTRICTIVE ECONOMIC POLICIES FAIL.
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